

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to add a "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section to the Specification, and to correct the numbering of claims in the application.

"Claim 81" appears twice in the original Application papers for which the inventor signed a declaration. The *second occurrence* of claim 81 on page 126 of the Specification has been canceled, and resubmitted as new claim 107 in this Preliminary Amendment.

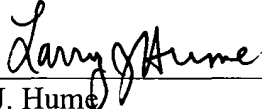
Claim 40 has been amended to correct an obvious error in the preamble.

Claims 1-107 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 15, 19, 22, 23, 24, 30, 33, 37, 40, 41, 50, 52, 57, 65, and 103 are independent. Claim 40 was amended, claim 81 (second occurrence) was canceled, and claim 107 was added by this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no additional fee beyond the fees for filing the application is due with this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00019-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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